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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Near East/Africa Branch  
Chief, Far East/Pacific Branch  
Chief, Northern Branch  
Chief, Latin American Branch  
Chief, Western Europe Branch

FROM: Chief, Staff Intelligence Group

SUBJECT: IM-144 - Soviet-Communist Capabilities for Sabotage

REFERENCE: JIGM - 96 letter of 8 March 1949

ENCLOSURE: A. List of 52 countries

1. The Problem is to estimate general Soviet-Communist capabilities for significant sabotage in the countries listed in enclosure A.

2. Sabotage is defined by Reference as "obstructing in all ways, short of actual combat operations, the regular process of production or operation of civil or military installations."

3. Form of Presentation.

a. Estimates are requested for each country listed, using one of the following categories:

- (1) Sabotage definitely to be expected
- (2) Sabotage probably to be expected
- (3) Sabotage possibly to be expected
- (4) Sporadic sabotage only
- (5) No sabotage indicated

b. Each estimate is to be supported by a brief substantiating statement, which should be based on the following, or additional, factors:

- (1) Hard core CP strength, distribution, and quality of leadership
- (2) Significant concentrations of civil and military installations

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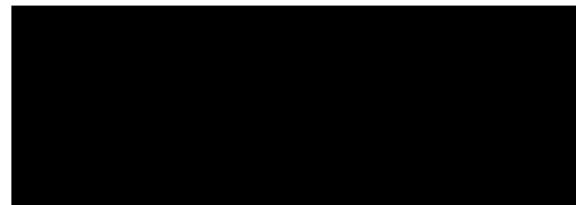
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- (3) Capacity of internal security forces to provide effective counteraction
- (4) Political, economic, and social factors offering significant opportunity for CP action

4. Global Survey Group [REDACTED] Room 2511, Extension 2869) has been assigned responsibility for the composite report. A meeting of Branch representatives is scheduled for 1400, Monday, 21 March, in Room 2216.

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5. Deadline for Branch contributions is Wednesday, 30 March; for final paper, Tuesday, 5 April 1949.



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cc: Chief, Global Survey Group  
Chief, Eastern Europe/ISSR Branch

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ENCLOSURE "A"

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~List of Countries, broken down by primary Branch responsibility.A. Latin American Branch.

	Ready	ORE	OIR	Final	
✓ 1. Argentina	x	✓	✓		OK
✓ 2. Bolivia	x	✓	✓		x
✓ 3. Brazil	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 4. British Guiana	x	✓	✓		OK
✓ 5. Chile	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 6. Colombia	✓	✓	✓		x
✓ 7. Costa Rica	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 8. Cuba	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 9. Curacao, N.W.I.	✓	✓			OK
✓ 10. Ecuador <sup>Refer</sup>	x	✓	✓		x
✓ 11. Guatemala	xx	✓	✓		x
✓ 12. Haiti	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 13. Honduras	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 14. Mexico	x	✓	✓		x
✓ 15. Panama	x	✓	✓		OK
✓ 16. Paraguay	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 17. Peru	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 18. Surinam	✓	✓			OK
✓ 19. Trinidad	✓	✓			OK
✓ 20. Venezuela	✓	✓			OK

B. Western European Branch.

✓ 1. Algeria	x	✓	✓	✓	✓
✓ 2. French Morocco	x	✓	✓	✓	✓
✓ 3. Spain	x	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 4. Tunisia	x	✓	✓	✓	OK

C. Northern Branch.

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✓ 2. Union South Africa	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK

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	Rec'd	ORE	OIR	Final	
✓ 1. Belgium Congo X	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 2. British East Africa X	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 3. Gold Coast X	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 4. India X	X	✓			OK
✓ 5. Iran X	X	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 6. Kuwait X	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 7. Madagascar X	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 8. Mozambique X	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 9. Nigeria X	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 10. Northern Rhodesia X	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 11. Pakistan X	✓				OK
✓ 12. Saudi Arabia X	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 13. Sierra Leone X	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 14. Southern Rhodesia X	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 15. Turkey X	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK

Branch check

Refer to analysis

E. Far East Branch.

25X6A 1. [REDACTED]	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 2. Burma X	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 3. Ceylon X	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 4. China X	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK
25X6A 5. [REDACTED] X	X	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 6. Korea X	✓	✓			OK
✓ 7. Malaya X	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 8. Netherlands East Indies	✓	✓			OK
✓ 9. New Caledonia X	✓	✓	✓	✓	OK
✓ 10. Philippines X	✓	✓			OK
✓ 11. Thailand X	X	✓	✓	✓	OK

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